



The Connection

An ISDH-sponsored Care Coordination newsletter

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New Version of CaseManager Debuts

It's coming soon, folks! The new version of CaseManager is set for completion and distribution in January 2007.

We have listened to your comments and concerns to make this version the best ever. The new version will closely mirror the new intake form. It even incorporates the new questions which summarize each of the intake's major sections. These summarizing questions will eventually be used to develop

an acuity scale to be used in conjunction with the current intensity levels to help care coordinators distribute and monitor caseloads more efficiently.

Some new report functionality will also be integrated into the new version of CaseManager. ISDH will be able to complete the quarterly reports tables remotely, leaving each agency responsible for submitting only the narrative section. The goal is to improve the system's ease of use

and to make CaseManager a more practical tool for providing case management to the clients.

We plan on having a training session in the northern, central and southern regions of the state in early 2007 to introduce the new features in CaseManager. Phil Potosky, our database contractor, will be present and available to answer questions. Please keep a lookout for more information on this topic in the coming months.



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CC Trainings are a Success!!!

The last of the Care Coordination trainings took place in Bloomington on October 12th and 13th. The newly reformatted trainings were a departure from the past. They were offered on three separate occasions and funded by ISDH and the Statewide Consumer Advisory Board.

The focus in 2006 was "Working Together and Embracing Change." The training featured Gricel Arredondo presenting on the idea of change management, a morning session on embracing change, and an afternoon session led by Karen Danielson at the low ropes course to emphasize team-building.

Some comments are as follows:

"...I've found the entire training beneficial."

"Outstanding! High energy!"

"I really liked the idea that moments of frustration are actually good opportunities for change."

New Care Coordinators

- Lenox Madubansi
- Dennis King
- Amber May

See the back page for bios of our new colleagues!

CC Training Pictures





CAB Needs Your Help

The Statewide HIV Consumer Advisory Board provides opportunities for consumers to have meaningful input into the development of policies and programs to address their needs. To truly accomplish this mission, we depend on care coordinators to discuss CAB to consumers throughout the year and put them in contact with their district representative. If you have any questions concerning CAB, please call Serina Kelly, HIV Services Advisory Board Liaison, at 317/233-7744.

Current CAB representatives:

District 1 – Gary – Brad James – 219/898-3210

District 2 – South Bend – **Currently vacant**

District 3 – Fort Wayne – Bill Leisman – 260/422-3480

District 4 – Lafayette – Jeff Wolfe – 765/497-6425

District 5 – Muncie – Steven King – 765/717-4471

District 6 – Anderson – **Currently vacant**

District 7 – Indianapolis – Kem D. Moore – 317/924-2169

District 8 – Terre Haute – Marie Myers – 765/832-6021

District 9 – Richmond – **Currently vacant**

District 10 – Bloomington – Ernie Frye – 812/929-0571

District 11 – Jeffersonville – Tony Ellis – 502/548-5288

District 12 – Evansville – Jackie Cherry – 812/985-0150

At-Large North – Jack Steele – 260/409-1523

At-Large Central – Brian Fisher – 317/255-4765

At-Large South – Randy Lewis – 812/204-8562

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Mission Statement

HIV Care Coordination is a specialized form of case management. Its mission is to assist those living with HIV disease with the coordination of a wide variety of health and social services. The program consists of goal-oriented activities that serve to locate, facilitate access to, and monitor the full range of HIV-related services in cooperation with the client. It encourages the most cost-effective use of medical and community resources and promotes the overall well-being of the individual. It respects cultural diversity, emphasizes confidentiality, and strives to ensure the client's freedom of choice and self-determination. Its comprehensive and compassionate services are rendered in a safe, secure, and non-judgmental environment and are provided without cost to the client.

Find us online at:

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/hivstd/index.htm>

Introducing Our New Care Coordinators

I would like to first introduce myself. My name is Dennis King and I am the newest case manager to The Aliveness Project of NWI's care coordination team. I am a resident of Gary, IN and completed my education at IUPUI's School of Liberal Arts. I am the youngest of six and my interests include film, music and literature. I look forward to continuing the traditions of Aliveness and other organizations by providing the necessary resources and support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS.



My name is Amber May and I graduated from Anderson University with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work. I am originally from San Diego, CA. I know what you're thinking! "Why would you move from that!?!". To make an extremely long story short, I lived in California for 13 years and moved to Illinois my senior year in high school where I heard about Anderson University...and I've been here ever since. My professional

experience includes a year and a half at St. Johns Anderson Center. I worked primarily on the adolescent unit. I thoroughly enjoyed this experience while there. Here are three random facts about me:

1. I survived being stuck in an enclosed water slide at a water park, although it took sending 4 people down through the slide for the life guard to realize I was still inside. (Uh...Ouch)
2. I HATE feet. So needless to say that I was extremely humbled on my senior social work trip to San Francisco, where I participated in a 'feet washing ministry' for the homeless. (I've never been so stretched.)
3. I was an audience member at The Wheel Of Fortune! It was soap opera week and I got to meet soap stars from Days of Our Lives: "John and Marlaina" and Pat and Vanna themselves! (I was full of joy!) P.S. Everyone is more beautiful in person!



My name is Lenox Madubansi and I am the new care coordinator for CMH at the Lafayette office. I hold a BA degree from Siena Heights University Adrian, MI. I am married and have two kids. I have more than six years of experience working with clients. My first work experience with HIV populations was in 1995. I served as a community worker for a donor funded HIV project in the rural western parts of Zambia.

I find fulfillment in advocating and serving populations at risk. I volunteer as a guardian advocate for REAL services in South Bend, Indiana. I love my job and everybody is just great at CMH.

